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RESOLUTION NO. A-_____

1	A RESOLUTION approving the contract between Lincoln Electric System (LES)
2	and MidAmerican Energy Company (MEC) regarding LES' joint ownership in the MidAmerican
3	Energy coal-fired power plant known as Council Bluffs No. 4 in an amount up to a nominal 100
4	megawatts and authorizing LES to secure long-term financing for its investment in this project.
5	WHEREAS, LES as part of its ongoing responsibility to review and assess
6	anticipated power supply needs for the future, has analyzed anticipated pwer supply resource
7	needs and alternatives for meeting those needs; and
8	WHEREAS, LES' integrated resource planning process has evaluated a broad
9	range of traditional, renewable, and demand-side resources and identified a regional base load
10	resource as the low-cost option that would best fulfill LES' needs; and
11	WHEREAS, the addition of a base load resource is considered necessary due to
12	the delay and cancellation of the latan power plant in which the LES Administrative Board had
13	previously approved LES' participation; and
14	WHEREAS, MidAmerican Energy Company (MEC) is proposing to construct a
15	750 megawatt coal-fired base load power plant known as Council Bluffs No. 4, which is a
16	project that would fit LES' needs and criteria and would serve to replace the latan project in
17	LES' power supply plans; and
18	WHEREAS, Council Bluffs No. 4 is anticipated to begin commercial operation in
19	May 2007; and
20	WHEREAS, the LES Administrative Board had approved a commitment of up to
21	a nominal 100 megawatts in Council Bluffs No. 4; and
22	WHEREAS, the Nebraska Power Review Board entered an Order on July 11,
23	2002, approving LES' application for up to a nominal 100 megawatt participation in Council
24	Bluffs No. 4; and

1	WHEREAS, LES anticipates the issuance of long-term bonds to finance its
2	participation in the Council Bluffs No. 4 power plant; and
3	WHEREAS, Section 4.24.070(d)(2) of the LIncoln Municipal Code requires City
4	Council approval of contracts LES seeks to enter that require the issuance of bonds, notes, or
5	other forms of similar long-term borrowings.
6	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of
7	Lincoln, Nebraska:
8	That the contract between Lincoln Electric System and MidAmerican Energy
9	Company containing substantially the same substantive content as that contained in the copy
10	which is attached regarding LES' joint ownership in the MidAmerican Energy coal-fired power
11	plant known as Council Bluffs No. 4 in an amount up to a nominal 100 megawatts is approved
12	and the LES is authorized to secure long-term financing for its investment in this project.
13	The City Clerk is directed to transmit one fully executed copy of this Resolution
14	to the LES Administrator and CEO.
	Introduced by:
	Approved as to Form & Legality:
	City Attorney
	Approved this day of, 2002:
	Mayor